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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10-24 as follows.

- a¹
1. Nucleic acid, which includes
 - a) the nucleotide sequence shown in Fig.1 or a protein-coding segment thereof,
 - b) one of the sequences from a) within the context of the degeneration of the genetic code corresponding to the nucleotide sequence,
 - c) a sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions with one [with] of the sequences from a) and/or b) [under stringent conditions hybridizing nucleotide sequence], except for the EST sequences: AA165403, AA455594, AA314472, N34087, AA452340, AA182700, N41615, AA470049, AI751597, AA463289, AA132459, W31487, R56355,